

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF LACTAMS FROM THE  
CORRESPONDING CYCLOALKANONE OXIMES

ABSTRACT

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The subject-matter of the invention is a process for the preparation of lactams comprising 6 to 12 carbon atoms from the corresponding cycloalkanone oximes by rearrangement according to the Beckmann reaction in the presence of acid, the said process being characterized in that use is made of methanesulphonic acid.

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is related to a concurrently filed and commonly owned application entitled "Process for the Preparation of Lauryllactam by Photonitrosation of Cyclododecane and Beckmann Rearrangement in the Presence of Methanesulphonic Acid", attorney docket ATOCM-157, by Ollivier et al., based on French application 98/11734 filed on September 21, 1998, respectively.

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